

Polio Fund Drive Mapped

In connection with the President's birthday, Fort Benning will again join in the annual March of Dimes campaign for funds for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. It was announced this week. All funds donated by officers, men, and civilians at Fort Benning will be sent directly to the National Foundation.

Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander, has appointed Major Charles F. Heard, custodian of the Central Post Fund, as co-ordinator of the drive on the reservation.

General Hobson also announced the appointment of Mrs. Allen D. Albert, wife of Major Albert D. Albert, of the Infantry School, as chairman of the March of Dimes campaign.

Major Heard announced that within the next few days all personnel, both military and civilian, will be given an opportunity to contribute to the 1945 campaign against infantile paralysis. Major Heard pointed out that two years ago the post contributed \$1,700 to the fund, while last year Fort Benning personnel boosted their contributions to more than \$11,000. In 1945 the goal set is to better the 1944 record.

FUNDS BADLY NEEDED
Stressing the urgent need for funds to combat polio, Major Heard called attention to the fact that in spite of considerable research carried on in the field of preventive medicine, the 1944 epidemic of polio was the worst the nation has experienced in 18 years. He urged that all personnel give willingly as much as they can possibly afford to help combat the disease.

Plans have been made to place contribution boxes at highly frequented points about the post. Contributions have been appointed in the various installations of Fort Benning to assist in bringing the campaign to a successful conclusion.

CHAIRMAN NAMED
Chairmen named thus far include: Capt. Matthew Tucker, The Infantry School; Maj. Neil R. Maxey, 4th Engineer Regiment; 2d Army Lt. Col. Bruce Bell, The Parachute School; Capt. F. D. Wentz, 71st Division; Capt. Florence Ingram, Lawson Field; Capt. Delia San Stone, Post Exchange; Capt. Ross W. Crossley, Quartermaster; WO (jg) Daniel Sixty, Bakers and Cooks School; Capt. Robert M. Reynolds, 1st Cavalry; Capt. William J. Lynch, Provost Marshal's Office. Other chairmen will be named later.

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LITTLE MISS 1945—Tiny Patricia Mary, daughter of T-5 and Mrs. Joseph O. Holtfreter, poses for the first picture of her young life in the arms of her mother at the ASF Regional Hospital Maternity Ward Monday just a few hours after her arrival. She is the first baby to be born in the post hospital in the New Year. Admiring his little charge is Captain Charles H. Maury, MC, who was attending medical officer. Pat arrived at 3:54 o'clock New Year's morn and as the first arrival won the Baby Derby sponsored by Columbus merchants. Proud Pop is shown in insert. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo by T-5 Tony Corntorn.)

Patricia Mary Holtfreter Post's First 1945 Babe

Weaker sex? Nuts!!! For the second straight year the Fort Benning baby derby has been won by a girl—this time Miss Patricia Mary Holtfreter, daughter of T-5 and Mrs. Joseph O. Holtfreter, the former of Company H, 93rd Ordnance Bn., HAM, attached to 4th Headquarters Special Troops, Second Army.

Pat was the post's first Army baby born in 1945, arriving at ASF Regional Hospital at 3:54 a. m., New Year's Day. She weighed in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces. She is the Holtfreter's second child, having born a 2-year-old son, T-5 Holtfreter is requested to call by the Bayonet Advertising Office in the Ledger-Enquirer Building in Columbus, provided with an official certificate of birth, to pick up the certificate and take it to the list of hand-some gifts presented by Columbus merchants.

They include a sterling silver cup from Kirven's; a pair of shoes from Miller-Taylor; Shoe Company; a \$2.50 brush from Cumbea's Boot and Shoe Shop; a deluxe Johnson and Johnson baby set from Lane's Drug Company; a \$5 merchandise certificate from Montgomery-Ward; a basket of fruit from Giglio's; a rocker from Foremost Auto Stores; a dress from Tiny Tot Shop; dinner for Mom and Pop at Columbus Grill; a gold ring from Elsie Jewels; a steak dinner for Mother and Father at the Goo-Goo; a gallon of ice cream from Wells Dairy; a \$3.50 merchandise certificate from H. C. Smith Drug Co.; a small intimate musical revue de- signed for rec hall and hospital.

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OPA Liaison Officer Named

With the appointment of Major John W. Lohr as liaison officer between Fort Benning and the Columbus Office of Price Control, personnel will be given full opportunity to seek redress in incidents in which they are overcharged in violation of laws regulating price control. Brigadier General William H. Hobson, post commander, announced Tuesday.

Major Lohr has been designated assistant chief of the Special Service Branch and assigned as OPA liaison officer under Section 3, War Department Circular No. 645, dated 9 December, 1944. The circular directs that commanders of military installations within the continental limits of the United States take effective measures to encourage and aid military personnel promptly to report cases of overcharging.

Liaison officer Major Lohr will receive all complaints of overcharging from Fort Benning personnel and in turn present them to the Columbus office. He will also cooperate with local OPA officials in facilitating investigation and appropriate corrective action in such cases.

His office will be located in the Post Special Service office in the southwest tower of Doughboy Stadium.

Major Lohr comes to Fort Benning from Camp Murphy, Fla., where he had served as post adjutant and as adjutant of the Southern Signal Corps School as well as postal officer.

Previously he had served at Camp Tombs (now Toccoa), Ga., supply officer on the staff of Colonel James O. Tarbox, at the time post commander and at present post executive officer at Fort Benning. Major Lohr had previously served at Fort Benning with the 24th Infantry, and as post assistant S-4.

A graduate of Syracuse University and a native of Syracuse, N. Y., in civilian life Major Lohr was for eight years in the customer relations office of Central New York Power Corporation of Syracuse, Pa. Previously he was assistant purchasing agent and a sergeant in the company of the U. S. Army, and an employee of the U. S. Stearman Lines school.

Major Lohr lives with his wife and two sons at 300 Miller Loop, Fort Benning.

Gas Ration Board Grants 2 Million Gallons in 1944

Ration coupons for more than two million gallons of gasoline for 1944 were issued by the Gas Rationing Board, branch of the Muscogee County Ration Board, according to a year-end report for 1944 issued today by Staff Sergeant L. L. Lipp, secretary.

A total of 31,627 ration books were issued through the board, for a total of 1,944,000 gallons of gasoline and an additional several thousands in "A" books. It is difficult to estimate the total gallons of gasoline issued, because of differentials due to the time of year when issued.

The board also issued 6,271 certificates for Grade I tires and 3,625 for Grade III tires, on which rationing ended November 30. Rationing of tires ended June 30, before which the branch issued certificates for 1922.

Besides the gasoline and tires, the Fort Benning branch also issues an average of 2,500 shoe coupons a month, the report showed.



HERO BRONSON

Lawson Hero Tells Adventures

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1st Lady Marine In B & C Course

The first WR or lady Marine, Lt. Catherine K. Hogan, first Woman Reserve of the Marine Corps to receive training at Ft. Benning, is shown checking some of the food being prepared in the mess hall at the WAC Detachment, Station Complement, Section I, with Lt. Dorothy E. Phillips, left, commanding officer of the detachment, as part of her training in Mess Management and Mess Supervision at the Bakers and Cooks School. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

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'Ike' Characterized By Person Who Knows Him Best—His Wife

BY LT. JEAN BENDLEN

With the eyes of the whole world upon Five Star General Dwight D. Eisenhower, at this, the most crucial moment of history, there arises a great demand for knowledge of General Eisenhower—the man!

Roams have been written about General Eisenhower's military genius, but no one could know him as does the girl he married back in 1916 and the girl, incidentally, who has built her world around "Ike."

Mrs. Eisenhower presently is visiting at Fort Benning where she and the general were stationed a few years ago.

"What is General Eisenhower really like?" she repeated the question asked her, thought a moment and answered, "Why, he's tall and lean with hard muscles around his jaws and lips—and has blue—very blue—deep blue eyes."

She tried to find some thing to compare with the color of Ike's eyes, but she couldn't. To her, apparently, there is no color that compares. She should know, for more than 16 hours a day at his desk and that his three chiefs of staff bring him reports at 8:15 a. m. while he showers and dresses for the day's work.

ALL SAME G. I. JOE
"I don't know," but that certainly sounds like Ike," she answered. "He never stops working. But I never know what he does because he writes me and says with a twinkle in her own

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Ike's Selection As Man of Year Pleases Missus

"This is everybody's war. Alone, no one man can win it," said Mrs. Dwight David Eisenhower yesterday, during a visit to Fort Benning, Georgia, when she was told that General Eisenhower had been designated "The Man of the Year" by Time Magazine.

"Ike has always felt that way, and I know he feels that way now. I am sure that is why he said, 'I call upon every man of all the Allies to rise now to new heights of courage.'"

"He has always believed in unity and has always felt that a leader is only as good as the men he leads, and I know he hasn't changed."

"His statement of 'unshakable faith in the cause for which we fight' came from the very bottom of Ike's heart."

"When he said, 'We will, with God's help, go forward to our greatest victory,' you may be sure it was said with the reverence of prayer. I know Ike. He is calm and sincere—he keeps calm command of the most complicated and difficult situations."

"That he is so busy he is just taking this time to dash off a note to me." Then she pauses and says with a twinkle in her own

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Post Exceeds All '44 Quotas

That Fort Benning personnel are civic-minded and are willing to bear more than their assigned load in any fund-raising campaign for a worthy cause, as attested by the fact that this military installation has exceeded every self-assigned quota in drives during 1944, a report by Brigadier General William H. Hobson, post commander, reveals.

During the current driving year in four different drives the post set for itself an overall quota of \$81,700, but raised \$111,624.40, thus exceeding the quota by \$29,924.40.

In the Red Cross drive last spring, Fort Benning contributed \$45,824.01 to better the 1943 donations of \$40,000. The 1944 March of Dimes total was \$11,363.20 or more than six times the 1942 gift of \$1,700 to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Fort Benning personnel bought during the past Christmas season \$2,097.68 worth of Christmas seals to exceed a goal of \$2,000 set as a donation to funds for the campaign against the scourge of tuberculosis.

And in the National War Fund campaign, the post exceeded its quota by \$14,286.80, giving a total of \$52,624.80 to the various agencies of the relief of war sufferers and to help support United Service Organizations.

It was pointed out

TPS Soldiers Form Music Lovers Club

Are you a lover of good music? And, if so, have you ever longed for a haven at Fort Benning where you can hear it whenever you wish?

If you have—and what real music lover hasn't?—you can put your longings to rest. A Music Lovers Club is now being organized for Fort Benning by Private David Ewen of the Public Relations Office, The Paratrooper School, with the cooperation of Assistant Special Service Officer, First Lieutenant Donald Wiedaver. Private Ewen is the well-known writer on music and author of more than fifteen published books.

A special room in Service Club No. 1, at the Main Post, has been allocated for this purpose. It is now in the process of being refurnished with comfortable chairs, a radio, and a phonograph. An extensive library of records will be made available for use of all members.

AMBITIOUS PROGRAM

Private Ewen has outlined an ambitious program for the club. The major broadcasts will be heard in their entirety under the most favorable auspices, including the Metropolitan Opera House, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic, the NBC Symphony. Other important broadcasts of serious musical programs will also be heard from time to time. Besides this, special recorded programs will be featured on different evenings, covering not only familiar music, but also unfamiliar masterpieces rarely heard. There will also be an evening devoted to good jazz music conducted by an authority on the subject.

PROGRAM OUTLINED

It is Private Ewen's plan to feature at the Club from time to time lectures on subjects of gen-

eral interest, music appreciation hours, round-table discussions, symposiums, as well as informal social evenings. It is also hoped that world famous artists will be induced to come to give special concerts to club members.

When the plans for the club are fully evolved, it is hoped that there will be some musical activity at the club every evening in the week, and afternoons and evenings on Saturdays and Sundays.

All those who would be interested in joining such a club are urged to attend a general meeting which will take place in the Music Room (adjoining the Orientation Room) at Service Club No. 1, the Main Post, on Friday evening January 5, at 8 p. m.

'Wet Paint—Try It' Sign Works; No One Did

A "Wet Paint" sign that really keeps the skeptics away has been invented by Technician Fourth Grade Stanley Rosinski, Company C mechanic in the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School.

"If you put up a simple warning that woodwork has been painted, everybody insists on testing it for himself," Rosinski says. "When you come back to put on the second coat you find hundreds of fingerprints of guys from Missouri."

So this week, after painting woodwork in a hallway, Rosinski posted a sarcastic challenge.

"Wet Paint—TRY IT!" "That seemed to impress 'em that I knew what I was talking about," Rosinski reports. "Not one fingerprint this time."

SOLDIER FILM STARS

When the training film "Time Out" was shown last week to Company B, 4th Infantry, The Infantry School, two members of the company appeared in the cast. They were Leo Carman and Kelley Burrows. Carman played a role showing how "not to listen to a lecture" and Burrows showed how to dig a foxhole.



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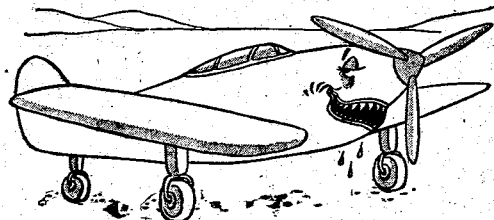
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The adventures of Pvt. Jonathan Jeep appear regularly in this space. Watch for this feature!



THE BEST MESS WE'VE SEEN IN THE ARMY TO DATE—is what informed Army officers are calling the show set-up of Military Police Detachment Section 1. And when enlisted men go out of their way to write a letter of commendation as Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army troops did this week, then it must be good. The above shot shows the mess-hall just before the Christmas feed was put on the table. Captain M. E. Bullock, mess officer, and Sgt. Sid Kalstein, mess sergeant, went a long way out of their way to "put on the dog" for the Yule season: appropriate decorations were put up, and the food was as pleasant to behold as it was to devour; the grapefruit was put up to provide a handle for each piece of fruit. And the soldiers sitting down to partake of the food were quick to voice their appreciation as the accompanying story shows. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

MP's Christmas Mess Praised by 2d Army Troops

Soldiers often complain about the G. I. chow, but over at Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, the exact opposite occurred last week.

Enlisted personnel of Fourth Headquarters, messing with the Military Police Detachment, Section One, in the Third Cavalry, were so pleased by the Christmas Day meal prepared for them that they drew up a letter of appreciation and sent it to the Commanding Officer of the detachment, Capt. M. E. Bullock. Sgt. Sid Kalstein is mess sergeant.

"The undersigned members of Fourth Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment," it said, "wish to express their appreciation to the Officers and Enlisted Men of Military Police Detachment, Section One, for the wholehearted, delightful, and festive dinner which was served on Christmas Day.

"Each man of the Military Police Detachment Mess seemed to take a personal interest in the preparation, decorating and serving, which added greatly to the spirit and atmosphere, and the complete success of the presentation." It was signed by all personnel of Fourth Headquarters eating with the M. P.'s.

TOO MUCH TOO SOON

Ever on the alert to track down overdue books, Myrtle M. Jones of Library No. 7, Alabama Area seems to be just one jump ahead of Uncle Sam these days, according to letter quoted below:

"Reference is made to letter your office, subject: Overdue books, Corporal John Doe, dated 25 November 1944. Correspondence is being held this station pending enlisted man's arrival at which time necessary action will be taken and your office will be notified."

BEST PUDDING

"Best plum pudding in Fort Benning," challenged Lieutenant Roy H. Cederstrand, 4th Battalion Mess Officer, as he mixed the brandy sauce that topped the old Swedish recipe his sister had provided. Later, nine empty mugs testified to the truth of his claim, along with the praises of one very full battalion.

It is a well known fact that the smallest of all packages is the person wrapped up in himself.

Parade Honors RC Soldiers

High honors were accorded T-Sgt. Alton A. Davenport and Sgt. Leroy Threadgill of the Reception Center Friday when the Fourth Service Command conferred upon them certificates of commendation for extraordinary services rendered in the performance of their duties at Ft. Benning.

At a parade held for the presentation ceremonies Col. John P. Edgerly, commanding officer of the Reception Center, presented the certificates to the men whose work through the years had added credit and distinction to the Reception Center.

FROM BIRMINGHAM

"Both men lived in Birmingham prior to entering into the army. Sgt. Threadgill has been assigned to the Visual Education section since its inception. T-Sgt. Davenport is assistant band leader of the 334th Army Service Forces band and leader of the 334th Army Service Forces orchestra. Through his efforts the band has developed from a small group of recruits who practiced and played during their leisure hours to a musical aggregation of 28 pieces which has been given high honors in the field of music and recently won the "Battle of Bands" contest when it competed with other bands at Ft. Benning. Warrent Officer Ishai Johnson is band leader.

PLAYED WITH TUSKEGEE

In civilian life T-Sgt. Davenport taught physiology, hygiene, and music at the Lane school in Birmingham after his graduation from Tuskegee Institute. He played with the Tuskegee band four years and studied under "Fess" Whitley, a nationally known musician whom T-Sgt. Davenport gives credit for his success.

EXCELS IN WORKS

Sgt. Threadgill was awarded the certificate because of his "exceptional ability in the development of visual aids; for his initiative and originality in portraying characteristics of the Negro trainees in the visual aids developed for the murals and decorations developed largely in his leisure time." He was also cited in the certificate for his interest and assistance in providing entertainment for the soldiers. He played in minstrel bands and comedy sketches on the post.

A SIGN PAINTER

Sgt. Threadgill was a sign painter in civilian life and prior to assuming that trade he studied at Parker High School in Birmingham. His wife, Mrs. Louise Threadgill, lives at 3115 Sixth court, Birmingham.

In his military work he illustrates the information contained in the Soldier's handbook for the trainees, and through the media of the pro-film and still screen processes. The Visual Education section is under the command of Lt. Col. Ernest J. Knott.

The certificates were awarded to T-Sgt. Davenport and Sgt. Threadgill by the Fourth Service Command of which Gen. F. E. Uhl, is commanding General.

Some of the young boys in uniform try hard to appear grown up and sophisticated. One of this type was in a night-club group recently. As a mature cabaret singer danced near his table he whistled and asked, "Hey! What you doin' after you get through here tonight?"

The singer looked at him compassionately. Leaning over tenderly, she said: "I'm going home to take care of my little boy, who is just about your age."

Gals and golfers have the same ambition—to go around in as little as possible.

And then there was the guy who proposed to "Miss America" through a Lonely Hearts Club, only to discover that she'd won her title in 1902.

3 Profs in Cast 3 Men on Horse

Three experienced radio and stage actors from the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, will play major roles in "Three Men on a Horse" when the ever-popular Broadway hit is produced at Fort Benning by the post service office in February.

The part of Clarence, the small town business man, who thinks he's not stuff, will be played by Private First Class Elmer W. Earl, assistant instructor in communications. Staff Sergeant William C. Mitchell, of the weapons section, will appear as Charlie the race tout. And Frankie, the boozier, will be portrayed by Sergeant Edward Danksy, artist at the Reproduction Plant.

Sergeant Mitchell is a former member of the well-known Hall of Fame Players of New York University. He has taken juvenile leads in "Outward Bound" and "Journey's End," the male lead in "The Play's the Thing," and supporting roles in "Room Service" and "Both Your Houses." Between NYU's full-length spring and fall productions he has directed the school's one-act play groups. He was heard over WRBL recently in the "Listen, It's Fort Benning" dramatization of Christmas overseas as recalled by combat veterans of the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School.

Private First Class Earl, who goes by the name of "Earl," is a Rutgers University, has sung in the Montclair (N. J.) Opera Club performances of "The Student Prince" and "Cousins Mamma," and has done character parts in dramas staged by the Montclair Studio Players. He is also co-author of "The Student Prince" and "Cousins Mamma," which won first prize in the Rock Springs Players writing contest in West Orange, N. J.

Sergeant Danksy—whose experiences on Guadalcanal provided the highlights for WRBL's recent Christmas dramatization—has helped with production and scenery design in numerous amateur stage and radio shows. He will be playing his first major stage role in "Three Men on a Horse."

Radio Show to Tribute Medics

Tribute to the "medics," the soldiers who go unharmed into the front lines, will be paid on the radio show, "Listen, It's Fort Benning," this Saturday afternoon.

A dramatic sketch entitled "Ghost Story" will be presented on the program, which will be presented from 2 to 2:30 p. m. EWT, from the stage of the Main Theater at Fort Benning over station WFTL, Co. 1's Ft. Benning, the sketch deals with a private in the medics.

Members of the Fort Benning Theater Guild will stage the dramatic part of the program, while the 222d AGF Dance Orchestra will supply music. Military personnel are invited to attend.

Maisie: "He's like the fourth man in the Congo line."

Daisy: "What do you mean?"

Maisie: "You know, one, two, three, jerk!"

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The following employees worked Christmas Day:

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We Always Welcome the Fort Benning Boys and Their Families!

2d Army's New Year's Greeting Cards 6-Ft. Sq.

It must have been quite clear that Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, wished a "Happy New Year" for everybody at Fort Benning.

Under the direction of Major Neil R. Maxey, Adjutant, huge New Year's Greeting Cards, measuring three-by-two feet, were prepared and distributed to all major installations on the Post, bearing the legend "Best Wishes for a Happy New Year." It was signed by Colonel Ernest E. Tabascio, Commanding Officer of Fourth Headquarters.

The cards, designed by Pvt. Robert O'Hara, of Fourth Headquarters, were attractively decorated in green and red paints, and each bore a large "deuce," the holly, a candle, with the legend inscribed on a scroll.

Troopers Discuss Post-War World

Post-war problems are the subject of weekly discussions being held in the library of Service Club No. 7, Alabama Area, every Thursday night from 2000 to 2100.

Sociological and psychological aspects of the post-war world were the subject of last week's discussion. Sgt. Raymond H. Nelson was the speaker of the evening. Writing under the pen name of John Beverleigh, he is the author of "Crag's Point," "Foot's Folly" and many other fiction pieces. During interludes from the writing of fiction, he took an active interest in the sociological structure of our country, and has written articles relative to its trends; one on Chicago 1942, published in Esquire 1942.

A member of the "Cliff Dwellers Club" of New York, composed of such prominent men of letters as John Kiernan, Ralph Gordon, John Madigan, Sergeant Nelson and the other members have pledged themselves to independent writing, free of prejudice, dictation of publishers, etc.

Sgt. Joe Shalant, HQ and Serv. Co., 2nd Parachute Training Regiment, gave 20 minutes of current events. A native of France, Sgt. Shalant gives his full time to orientation in the Alabama Area and is especially qualified to handle current events.

In the absence of Sgt. Austin, Mrs. Myrtle Jones, Librarian, conducted the group's session.

Negro Troops Doing Swell Job

General officers are heaping high praise on the Negro soldier, the War Department reports. Working under back-breaking schedules, Negro soldiers of the Quartermaster Corps kept gasoline flowing to the front to enable the 1st, 3rd and 8th Armies to maintain their steady advance through France into Germany.

A Negro engineer aviation battalion was honored for fidelity and proficiency as it moved into forward combat areas in the Central Pacific. Since it was alerted for overseas, the outfit hasn't had a single AWOL case.

Under hazardous conditions, members of the 453rd Quartermaster Baking Co. in France turned out bread for 78,000 combat-bound troops a day.

For gallantry and heroism in combat, seven Silver Stars and 22 Bronze Stars were awarded Negro soldiers with the 92nd Division in Italy.

4 Profs Get More Stripes for Present On New Year's Day

"Bip off the old, sew on the new," was the New Year's refrain for four men of the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, who were promoted just in time to wear new chevrons for 1945.

Sergeants Cyrus B. Lund and Walter J. Miller, of headquarters, celebrated New Year's eve as staff sergeants. Technician Fifth Grade Velen Albert, of D. Company, dropped the "T" to become a line corporal. And Private First Class James E. McManus, of Company C, graduated the new year wearing the stripes of a technician fifth grade.

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—Secretary Stimson.

March of Dimes Drive Deserves Post's Full Support

Officers, enlisted men and civilian personnel of Fort Benning will, in a few days be given the opportunity to contribute to the 1945 campaign against Infantile Paralysis.

This is one of the most praiseworthy causes to which one may participate. Our Commander in Chief, The President of the United States has again approved the use of his birthday as a climax to the campaign.

In spite of the fact that science has made considerable progress in combating this dreaded disease that strikes without warning, the 1944 epidemic was the worst the nation had experienced in 18 years.

The personnel of Fort Benning have always rallied to all worthy causes; last year we contributed over \$11,000; this year we hope to do even better. While it is called the "March of Dimes," many have realized the urgency of the cause, and made large contributions toward its support.

Each of us at Fort Benning should be thankful for our good health and, contribute willingly and generously to this nation-wide campaign. In making a contribution, we will not only be aiding those already crippled from this disease but, will in a sense, be purchasing insurance against it striking us or our loved ones, by the continuance of scientific research in their effort to conquer this crippling disease, Infantile Paralysis.

—C. F. H.

The Red Cross Calls For More Volunteers

Last week's BAYONET carried an appeal from Murray E. Hill, field director of the American Red Cross at Fort Benning, for more volunteers. Red Cross workers for assignments both at home and overseas.

"If the overseas operation of the Red Cross is not to suffer, personnel conditions must be remedied immediately by the recruiting of both men and women to serve with the domestic Red Cross and in the overseas operation," Mr. Hill asserted.

The release which he prepared for THE BAYONET included a list of assignments open, the age brackets, and the background experience necessary to perform successfully the several duties.

Mr. Hill explained to us that the functioning of the domestic Red Cross is being severely handicapped by the fact that so many domestic workers are being sent overseas. The reasons for this situation are obvious.

It is the BAYONET's belief that no greater service could be performed by any man or woman unqualified for duty with combat or services of supplies units of the Armed Forces than to volunteer for Red Cross work. This is not service to be rendered gratis because adequate salaries are paid.

We therefore suggest that any service man or woman at Fort Benning who in the future will receive honorable discharges for reason of physical disability to perform military duties give serious consideration to the idea of continuing to perform valuable service in the prosecution of the war by applying for Red Cross positions.

We further suggest that readers of this paper clip out and send last week's article (to be found on Page 3) to any qualified acquaintance back home.

The Red Cross is an agency of mercy. It has always been on the spot where needed. Now it needs our help, not dollars and cents, but flesh and blood. A few minutes in which to write a note and clip the article, a three-cent stamp with which to mail a letter may help it to go forward to perform adequately the great mission it has mapped for itself.

Resolution for the New Year—New Pursuits

The idea of the New Year goes back to ancient mythology. It is older than the calendar which dates the new year now about to start. But always the "new" has meant just another cycle of the seasons. Just another year in the succession of years. It has never stood for the addition of any really new element—nothing which could make the new year any different from the last. Nothing which could make our "Happy New Year" to each other more than a quickly-to-be-disappointed wish.

What could make this new year new—and happy? The end of the year? Yes, for wars have ended before, and after a brief burst of gladness, men have gone back to selfish pursuits. They pushed ahead in business again, which often meant pushing someone else behind. They had their selfish way at home, which seldom meant happy new year to others in the family. They pushed national interests and ideas till they collided with some other nation's interests and ideas and led to another war.

This new year, in fact, may bring something even worse than war. News comes from the liberated countries of strikes, mob violence and more plentiful than food and shelter—where war actually represented a sort of order, compared with this chaotic battle of ideas. It is still too early to say that, a new thing we could add this year which would lead the world away from chaos. That new thing would be new pursuits. Where men work together in business and industry instead of just working to get ahead. Where mother, father, sons and daughters seek

a common heart and mind for the whole family instead of pushing their own plans. Where nations exist to make their greatest contribution to the family of nations instead of seeking greater power or possessions for themselves.

This new thing would be nothing less than the actual living out of all our best New Year's resolutions of the years gone by. We can do it if we turn to God whose will, reinforcing ours, can make us want to do the thing we know we should. Then things new year will really be different. And our hope for a Happy New Year will be more than an idle wish.

Balanced Diets at Messes Can Help Win the War

The supervision and control of the mess is a function and responsibility of the Unit Commander. The objective of mess management is the proper preparation of nutritious food served in sufficient quantity to assure ample portions for every soldier. Good food, well prepared and carefully served in clean and orderly surroundings in the proper quantities to sustain active and vigorous men, helps keep our fighting men healthy and builds up their morale. Pains-taking attention to mess management will help to produce a vigorous and proud outfit, and contribute much to its intelligent, effective and victorious fighting power. Constant supervision by the unit mess officer and mess sergeant is the keynote to a good mess. Even under combat conditions when mess operations may become difficult, the mess officer, and mess sergeant who uses this as an excuse for neglecting to supervise food preparation, only contributes toward the reduction of his outfit's combat value.

We can all help our government win this war in the shortest possible time if we plan and prepare menus to secure a balanced and sustaining diet. Insure proper storage of foods, supervise cooking and serving of food to assure clean, attractive and nutritious meals, conserve foodstuffs and eliminate food waste, combat unsanitary conditions that breed disease and infection, and provide proper cleanliness of mess equipment. All these factors should be observed by Army personnel supervising the messes. If these factors are observed closely we will have a most efficient fighting Army. Previous combat experience has proved that our fighting men are superior to those of our enemies. The one important reason for our superior health is that our men receive better, more nutritious and more sanitary food than any other Army in the world.

FRANK I. CIOFALO,
Major, M. C.
Regimental Surgeon, 1st Sst. Tng. Regt.

Tough Job Yet Ahead In Supplying War Fronts

Gen. Brehon Somervell, Commanding General of the Army Service Forces, in his annual report just released, said the Army Service Forces successfully met the challenge of procuring and transporting both men and supplies to the fighting fronts of the world during the fiscal year ending June 30.

But, he warned, much remains to be done before we celebrate victory. He cautioned:

"Our troops abroad are short of heavy artillery, heavy ammunition, heavy trucks, heavy-duty tires, and heavy tractors—items that they vitally need in daily battle. What we have done in the past must not divert us for a moment from the hard realities of present production problems. We cannot relax yet."

Reviewing accomplishments of the past fiscal year, General Somervell said:

"The fiscal year of 1944 saw the United States and our Allies take the initiative on every front with both the fury and the tempo of Allied attacks rising sharply. And during the fiscal year the demands on the Army Service Forces grew from day to day.

"In spite of the varying and growing load, we maintained a constant and successful pressure for the improvement of management and management technique. We tested and put into operation, methods and procedures for the conduct of the business side of the War Department that have greatly increased efficiency and capacity, reduced both man-hours and costs, improved the quality and speed of the common effort, introduced a new and more humane relationship between management and personnel in the Army, and speeded the flow of munitions and supplies to all fronts."

In addition to supplying American troops, the Army Service Forces also furnished enormous quantities of military supplies to the United Kingdom, and completely equipped and continued to supply a large French army, the report pointed out, adding:

"Meantime, we have provided our other Allies with great quantities of weapons and equipment with which to make war on the common foe. To Russia alone in the past fiscal year we supplied 115,000 trucks and 8,000 combat vehicles, including 3,000 tanks—a total of 1.5 billion dollars worth of supplies and equipment."

The report said that about 60 per cent of all army cargo in the fiscal year went across the Atlantic, 40 per cent across the Pacific. About 70 per cent of all soldiers were carried to Atlantic theaters and 30 per cent to the Pacific theaters.

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INFANTILE PARALYSIS

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This Kiki'd World by PVT. G. I. GRIPE...

Those 5th Infantry boys, in 71st Inf. Div. seem to have more fun on furloughs than most people. Take a look at these incidents:

When Sgt. Bill McQuade was home on last furlough he went in to speak to the father of his gal, who had just accepted him—the girl, we mean, not the old gent.

"Sir," he gulged, "I've been going with your daughter for five years—" whereupon the old man interrupted, "Well, what do you want now, a pension?"

But a different experience awaited Sgt. Francis Mann, Company H. Seems that he planned to get married on his furlough, but his girl stutters and before she could say "Yes," he had to get back.

Then there's the yarn about Sgt. Hoemke. It is claimed that he was dancing down at the USO and complimented the gal on her gown.

"Oh," she said, "I only wear this to 'see'." "To 'see' whom?" demanded the witty sergeant.

And Sgt. Calabrese, while in Pittsburgh, was out on a date, when the gal finally spoke up "I'm telling you for the last time I won't let you kiss me."

Said the sergeant, "Aha, I knew you'd weaken."

The boys of Regimental Hq. Co. 4th Infantry, are a mile disappointed in "Tec-5 Fritche these days. Seems somebody laid hands on an Australian-made radio which Fritche put into playing condition — he being a wizard at that sort of work. But when interested group of soldiers gathered, no Australian music came forth. Just American stations. Some of them were muttering "fraud," it is said.

Sidelines from those bond towns: Cecil Hogg, 4th Infantry, was told to tell about one night when Sgt. Seeger and Corp. Plaster and a couple of others came to visit him in his room in one of the towns. All were feeling frisky, so they decided to call their girls long distance. Next morning Hogg discovered all the calls were charged to him. Then he didn't feel so frisky.

Staff Sergeant Meredith F. Steiner, of 4th Infantry is pretty bitter about trying to buck the lines. On his way home the other night he found a long line of cars waiting for a red light to change. Skillfully he maneuvered to the right of the line, coming up behind an automobile putting him second in line—he thought. But when the light changed, he found himself stymied behind a parked car.

At the POW camp, there's a lad named Pvt. Minix. What could be more appropriate than his nickname, Pepper.

And they claim in the Turner branch POW camp that Pagano got a wire from his wife: "Just had a baby boy—more follows by mail."

A popular night spot in Atlanta is getting lots of gripes from soldiers these days. Seems that the outfit keeps all of its choice tables for "butter and egg" men in multi-tiered irksome many a G. I. An officer or E. M., many of them bemused with very

sees bars, spots a nice table on the edge of the dance floor, he's habitually informed that it's "reserved." But a spotter noted that one of those "reserved" tables quickly was turned over to a group of civilians after they had greased a waiter's palm—while all the G. I.'s were clustered in the far-corners of the room.

Sgt. John Lombardo was surprised to get a letter the other day addressed "A Soldier from Pittsburgh," Fort Benning. Seems that as John was the only one of the boys at APO knew from Pittsburgh, they sent it on to him. Anyway, it seems it was written by a 17-year-old school boy named Badgette Dillard, Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School, Rabun Gap, Ga., who was trying to locate a soldier he met recently, but whose name he didn't learn. John is wondering how he can possibly find the man at Fort Benning.

While in Co. K of the Cockades, the big question these days is, did Staff Sgt. Eugene Didion put a lock on the mess hall door to keep the intruders out or keep the KP's in?

Here's one up Tap's alley — but he has used so many stories lately in his column that we're up ours that turn about is un-fair play, what? Anyway, seems Sgt. Newman, of Signal Photo Lab, has dog that developed distemper. But Friend Wife is so attached to it, that she won't hear of it being destroyed. Dog cries most of night and Sgt. Newman has to take care of it—the Little Woman being of that fortunate group who sleeps right straight through.

Fourth Infantry men claim they heard a conversation like this the other noon:

First G. I.: Hell, this ain't coffee — it's soup.

Second G. I.: Naw, this ain't soup—it's coffee.

Mess Sgt.: You're both nuts. That's just plain slum.

And, also in the 4th, Pvt. Elvin Hargrove is getting sick and tired of being told: "See Here, Private Hargrove."

Awakened by the insistent ringing of the telephone in the early hours of the morning, a publican, who did not live on his licensed premises, hastened to answer it. A voice asked: "Is that the landlord of the 'George'? What time do you open in the morning?"

Brusquely the publican replied: "Eleven o'clock," and banged down the receiver.

Half an hour later the phone rang again and the same voice repeated the same query: "What time do you open in the morning?"

The publican was angry and told the inquirer that he did not want any one like him in his pub.

"I don't want to get in; I want to get out," said the voice. "I have been locked up in your bar all night."

THE DIFFERENCE

The difference between an enlisted man and a Lieutenant is that the shavetail starts at the bottom and works his way up. The EM starts at the bottom and works.

Chaplain's Corner..

RING OUT WILD BELLS

"Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,

The flying cloud, the frosty light;

The year is dying in the night;

Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new;

Ring, happy bells across the snow;

The year is going, let him go;

Ring out the false, ring in the true.

"Ring out the grief that says the mind,

For those that here we see no more;

Ring out the feud of rich and poor,

Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,

The glory that the world adorns;

The year is going, let him go;

Ring in the common love of good.

"Ring out old shapes of foul disease,

Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;

Ring out the thousand wars of old,

Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,

The larger heart, the kindlier hand;

Ring out the darkness of the land,

Ring in the Christ that is to be."

A Happy New Year to all is the wish of all the Chaplains on the Post.

PAUL K. BUCKLES,
Post Chaplain.

BENNING BANTER

By "TAP"

We have arrived at the conclusion that there are just three topics on which G. I.'s converse: Women, women, and women!

Deciding to try and discover the views of various khaki-clad Letharics, this writer essayed the role of "Inquiring Reporter," and called (or any other girl) forth about the Reservation. . . . Our question was: "THE IDEAL WOMAN—WHAT IS SHE?"

And so we print below some of the answers received to this query, the names of contributors omitted in case their wives—or girlfriends—read this.

Said one Sarge: "In my opinion, the Ideal Woman must be a blonde with light complexion . . . she should also be a good cook, have a sense of humor, and have plenty in common with me . . ."

A recent bridegroom exclaimed: "My Ideal Woman is at home, but I believe that looks-don't-count. The wench must possess personality! . . . She should be smart, be able to use her head, and good at loving! And I don't like 'em bow-legged!'"

G.I. WIFE

By HILLEN

That old saying—that you might find anything but the kitchen stove in a lady's purse—certainly proves itself over and over again. I know from personal experience that when I've missed some little article from its usual place around the house—a thimble—a bridge score pad—the family fountain pen—an unused cigarette lighter—nine chances out of ten are that, if I dig deeply into my current purse, I'll find whatever it is that has been listed as missing.

It used to be the case, when ladies carried only ordinary purses, that fewer articles—and smaller ones—were misplaced. But now, with the giant shoulder bags that have come into style, it is hard to say what might turn up in their roomy depths.

Not long ago I was discussing this strange fact with two friends, and we each emptied the contents of our purses onto the table and took inventory.

I won't go into detail on what odds and ends turned up from the depths of the other purses but my own, for my own yielded up enough paraphernalia to fill all three of the purses!

Three handkerchiefs, a wallet containing little cash but many papers, (mostly outdated and useless), a charge-a-plate from an out-of-town store, a newspaper advertisement picturing a dress which I hope some day to have copied, last month's bank statement, a

pocket secretary containing past grocery lists, the baby's handbook, an instigating folder containing assorted ration books, addresses and notes scribbled on scraps of paper, two check books (one partially used), four packs of cigarettes which I had forgot to remove the night before, a benedictine inhaler, a pocket comb, an orange stick, a lip stick, a pencil, seven paper clips of various types and sizes, a typewriter eraser, and a dime.

It's strange how things happen. I was thoroughly ashamed of carrying around with me such a conglomeration of useless objects, and I toyed with the idea of making a resolution to have the next of purses in the future.

Later that same evening I was glad that I had only tried with the idea of making the resolution and had not gone blindly ahead and resolved, for, while mending the torn corner of a pocket in my husband's GI trousers, I turned them upside down, and things began dropping to the carpet.

Lots of string, a few coins, two wallets—one completely empty, thumb tacks, a broken knife, four or five stubs of pencils, some loose stamps, a handful of matches, and a small scattering of shredded tobacco. No kitchen stove there, either, but I did come across a broken spring which I recognized as being a part of the toilet which he had promised some months before to repair!

G.I. HUMOR

The topkick flays his cringing brood

With language lurid, crisp and crude,

The colonel is equally emphatic

But uses cuss words more grammatic.

Officer: Are you happy now that you are in the Navy?

Boat: Yes sir.

Officer: What were you before you got into the Navy?

Boat: Much happier.

Judge: "Are you sure this soldier was drunk?"

Cop: "Well sir, he was carrying a manhole cover, and said he was going home to play it on his victrola."

outdoor gal! But I like the kind that is also adept indoors, if you know what I mean! . . . Ah

craves Southern Belles . . . I want my girl to be a fine dancer—not a drinker, Neck? Give me an

exotic, brunette type! . . . a babe like Hedy LaMar will do in a pinch—or a light squealer!

She must have green eyes, be very sophisticated, and know how to hold her liquor like a lady! . . .

We should both like the same things . . . I desire glamour!

And now comes the studious type, with this reply: "I like a gal who is well-read; I love a girl who loves good books!"

The gourmet enters the picture: "My Ideal Woman doesn't have to be beautiful; in fact I don't care if she's a sight! . . ."

She can be devoid of style, personality, or what have you! . . . All I crave is a good COOK!"

A private presents his version: "After taking it on the chin from everyone in the Army—almost from the Top-Kick down to a Pfc, I am looking for a woman who won't have anything to say! . . ."

Yeah, I want the first, middle, and last word!

The inveterate movie fan craves the column with his description: "My Ideal Woman should be a combination of Lauren Bacall, Marlene Dietrich, Hedy LaMar, Ginger Rogers, Betty Hutton, Betty Grable, and Mickey Mouse—what am I saying?"

"For my babe," said another character, "I must have a girl who is smart . . ."

She should know two things: (rest censored.)

The Yard Bird had an apt answer: "I'm looking for a woman whose face is her fortune and runs into a nice figure!"

Well, there you have it . . . Now does anyone have a vague idea of the "Ideal Woman?"

Most fellows like 'em pretty as pictures, with suitable frames!

WHAT TIME IS IT? . . . In last week's column, the writer stated that the New Year would arrive in Columbus before it hit Fort Benning. . . . A barrage of telephone calls struck the office, everyone declaring that we had made a slight mathematical error, and that the time situation was re-

Infantryman's declaration: "I'd walk a mile for a colonel!"

"And what is the baby's name?" asked the chaplain softly.

The soldier smiled proudly as he hoisted the little fellow on his arm. "Chauncey William Robert Montgomery Sterling."

Up shot the chaplain's eyebrow as he turned to his assistant, "More water, please."

Then there is the magazine story of grandmother who was "bitterly opposed to gambling games—especially poker—but gave her sanction to the playing of authors. So the grandchild engaged her interests in the game of her choice. Her enthusiasm increased as the game progressed, and while she knew that the cards used were a deck of authors, she didn't know the game she was playing was poker, and that grandmother was enthusiastically playing Whittlers wild.

"Soldiers," said the chaplain, "the subject of my sermon today is liars. How many in this congregation have ever read the 99th chapter of Matthew?"

Nearly every hand went up. "You are the people I want to preach to," the chaplain said, "there is no such chapter."

Blonde: "Do you have a boy friend in the Army?"

Brunette: "Sure, he's a corporal. That's about as far as you can go in the Army and still have friends."

A woman went to buy a drink in a trough for her dog, and the shopkeeper asked her if she would like one with the inscription "To the dog."

"It doesn't really matter," she replied. "My husband never drinks water and the dog can't read."

Some girls take you for what you are, others for what you have, and still others for what you do.

Executive ability is the art of getting all the credit for the hard work someone else does.

DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING

A couple blessed with their first child, didn't get to the hospital quickly enough and the baby was born on the hospital lawn.

The itemized bill was finally received and the careful husband objected strenuously to the item: "Delivery Room, \$25." He returned it with for revision. In due time it was returned with the item revised to read—"Green Fees, \$25."

Salesman: "This gadget will do half your work."

G.I. Prospect: "Geed. Give me two of them."

versed . . . The parties were correct!

Yes, indeed, we've finally figured it out; when it's New Year's at the Post, 'twill be Sunday in Columbus, Wednesday in Benning, followed by Thursday in Boston.

Or will it? . . . At any rate, do your Christmas swapping early!

Hollywood Director With 2d Army Troops

"The main difference between an civilian job of set designer and my army job in the 168th Signal Photo Company is that in Hollywood, I used to design the set to fit the camera, and now I have to make the camera fit the set!" That's the way S-Sgt. Robert F. Boyle of the 168th Signal Photo Company, Second Army unit stationed in Pine Grove, and in civilian days a top-notch set and production director for Paramount, Universal, and other movie studios, describes the way in which his work in the army differs from the civilian variety.

Boyle, who with 50 other Hollywood men formed the original cadre of the 168th, recruited from Hollywood technician ranks, was set production director for Alfred Hitchcock, Cecil B. De Mille, two of Hollywood's most famed directors, and after the war he intends to go back to the same type of work.

FASCINATING LIFE
"It's a fascinating life," Boyle said, "I never cease to marvel at the effects possible with artificial props. For instance, in the picture 'Saboteur', in which I worked with Hitchcock, the last scene took place, you may remember, in the hand of the Statue of Liberty over New York Harbor. We worked it by building a large hand, shooting the scene in it, and then going out to the ocean in California and shooting the water from the top of a high cliff. We then combined the two strips and got the desired effect."

"One of the big problems in the movie industry is that of keeping the cost of production down. This is easily done, with the aid

of stage props, double reeling, mat stuff, and other devices. You often see a scene on a ship, when people stand against the rail and talk while in the background the lights of New York Harbor shine. Well, actually we just film the couple against an ordinary rail, and then work in the city lights artificially. The use of miniature construction is often resorted to."

MADE 'UNION PACIFIC'
Boyle told of "Union Pacific", a show which he did with De Mille. "In that picture, you may remember, Indians pursue a train to a wooden railroad bridge over a chasm, and the train barely makes it across before the bridge topples down. Well, we did it with miniature replicas. The whole set for that wasn't larger than an ordinary stage."

Born in Los Angeles, Boyle attended the University of Southern California, graduating in 1933 with a Bachelor of Architecture degree. He did a year of acting in stock, with the Pasadena Community Playhouse and touring with Hitchcock, the last scene took place, you may remember, in the hand of the Statue of Liberty over New York Harbor. We worked it by building a large hand, shooting the scene in it, and then going out to the ocean in California and shooting the water from the top of a high cliff. We then combined the two strips and got the desired effect."

5 Ex-TIS Officers Win Silver Stars

Five former officers of The Infantry School were recently awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action, the War Department has announced.

They were: Lieut. William T. Dillon, a resident of Colfax, Ind., who was commissioned here Nov. 27, 1942; Lieut. George B. Kirk, a resident of Niagara Falls, N. Y., who was commissioned March 5, 1943, and later reported killed in action; Lieut. Jack T. Dempsey, a resident of Coalgate, Okla., who took a course at the School in 1943; Lieut. Edward B. Gunn, a resident of Starkville, Miss., who



REUNION IN A PRISONER OF WAR CAMP graphically portrayed when a German private, left, meets his father at the Fort Benning PW Camp. The youth was transferred from a Texas PW compound so that the father and son combination might spend their prisoner days together. The father paid all transfer costs. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)



BROTHER GREETS BROTHER following transfer which puts the two German Prisoners of War together at Fort Benning, Ga. PW Camp. A lance corporal, left, greets his younger brother upon the latter's arrival from a Louisiana PW installation. The lance corporal paid the transportation costs so they could spend their prison days at one compound. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Father and Son, 2 Brothers United in Post POW Camp

Two brothers and a father and son are now spending their captive days together in one German Prisoner of War Compound at Fort Benning, following the transfer of two of the blood relatives to the Georgia installation.

An elderly Prisoner of War, who was captured in Tunisia in May, 1943, recently discovered through mail communications that his son was interned at Camp Fanning, Tex. PW Camp.

The father paid transportation costs (which includes food expenses for the guard and actual transportation costs) to have his 19-year-old son transferred to Fort Benning. His request was forwarded through channels and approved by the Provost Marshal General in Washington.

The youth was captured in the Tunisian campaign in March, 1943, two months before his father was taken captive by American forces. The two are from Bayreuth, Germany.

Meanwhile, a lance corporal discovered that the Americans had captured his brother in North Africa in May, 1943, and had interned him at Camp Livingston, La. The corporal, a member of the Afrika Korps Engineers, paid for the transfer costs and again the PMG's office approved. The brothers are natives of Balingen, Germany.

Reunions were happy moments for both sets of relatives as they spent their first Christmas together in several years.

The army doctor was questioning the new cadet nurse about a soldier patient:

"Have you kept a chart on his progress?"

The cadet blushing replied: "No sir, but I can show you my diary."

The tenth public attended telephone center with ten booths for the convenience of Fort Benning soldiers has been opened at the Frying Pan area of the post, it was announced this week by F. B. Patterson, district manager of the Southern Bell Telephone Co., and Jack Wood, camp manager of the telephone company.

The attended telephone centers have proved a boon to military personnel endeavoring to place long-distance telephone calls. Through courteous, efficient aid by the telephone attendants, many a GI call has been expedited through the centralized method.

With the opening of the new center, Fort Benning now is serviced by the largest number of telephone centers in any Army post in the country, according to Mr. Patterson.

As in the other centers, telephone company operators will be available each evening, Saturday afternoons and all day Sunday. They accept the orders for the calls in the centers, make change rapidly for the soldiers, and put through the call.

While the GI's wait for their calls to go through, they can lounge in the waiting room, reading magazines and books which have been placed there by the telephone company. At the opening of the Frying Pan center, cigarettes, candy, apes and pecans were used as a treat to herald the new service for the GI's.

"Mama, what becomes of a car when it gets too old to run?" "Somebody sells it to your father."

also took a course at the School in 1943, and Lieut. John A. Salvatore, a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was commissioned at the School in 1943.

2d Army Training Aids Small, Compact, Complete

Small but compact and complete, the displays in the Training Aids room of Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, present in graphic form exhibits which demonstrate much better than words various phases of training.

As you walk into the exhibit room, you are confronted with a sandtable on which a miniature battle is taking place. The sand is moulded into the form of a winding road through hilly terrain. Down the road proceed a column of Nazi tanks and mechanized equipment. At strategic spots American mechanized tank destroyers are drawn up with 37-mm and 3-inch guns covering important avenues of approach. Overhead, suspended from the ceiling by threads, dive bombers and fighter planes strafe and bomb the German units, and engage in dogfights with Messerschmitts and Focke-Wulfs, while B-24's and B-17's are in the air at a higher altitude to destroy the enemy armor with precision bombing.

MAP READING DISPLAY
Another display concerns map reading and interpretation of aerial photography. A sheet of glass is suspended on pegs above the model of a hill, and on the glass are shown contour lines, thus

demonstrating what the marks on the maps look like in reality. Aerial photos with a stereoscope are laid out so that the visitor can put the theory he learns into practice.

Other exhibit shows the parts of various small arms, how they are used, with pictures of them in action. Charts with the breakdown and manual use of a machine gun are displayed, and as a realistic reminder of the effect of small arms fire on aircraft the crumpled remains of an aircraft taken from the wreck of an airplane is shown, bent and broken by a 30-caliber rifle bullet which pierced it, tore through the metal diagonally and went through the other side.

OTHER DISPLAYS
Other displays demonstrate camouflage, proper training in chemical warfare, including recognition of enemy poisonous gases, the use of ropes and a display of the various types of knots, and proper use of film strips.

Displays are changed from time to time to conform with phases of training. The exhibits are under the supervision of Sgt. Eugene Iwasaki and Pvt. Robert O'Hara, Major Henry C. Varnum is Plans and Training Officer for Fourth Headquarters.

Ex-INS Correspondent Now With 2d Army Troops

"You might say that I'm the most unpublished and unknown writer in the world," says Sgt. Charles E. Held, of Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, Casual Detachment about his literary adventures.

It isn't exactly true, because Held was correspondent for lower California for International News Service for three years, and has interviewed such notables as Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the late Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox, the late movie actress Lupe Velez, but it's a good key to Held's make-up.

He's a quiet, bespectacled fellow whom you'd never notice in a crowd. He has done a great many things and seen a great many things, and he remains very unassuming, very likable, and utterly without pretension.

Born in Burlington, Iowa, Held migrated to California at the age of 1, in 1908, and has lived in San Diego ever since, except when he has been wandering (and he has). He attended San Diego State College, Washington State University at Pullman, Washington, and the University of Arizona at Tucson, playing freshman football at the last named.

However, he left college in his junior year, feeling that he could learn and accomplish more by staying at home and reading and writing. During this period, up until 1933, he wrote a novel which was done, according to Held, more or less as a literary exercise.

In 1933 Held went into publicity work, and shortly afterward went to work for the San Francisco Chronicle and worked for several other newspapers there. However, he soon got the wanderlust and embarked on a very unusual venture.

BUMS WAY
Held decided to see lower California the hard way, so he "rode the rails" as a bum, as he phrases it, doing all manner of jobs. He was a rainmaker's assistant helping to water the citrus orchards in lower California, he was a section laborer on the railroad, he worked a few weeks for a weekly newspaper, and he did many other jobs. He returned after four months to San Francisco, having left with \$5 and coming back with the same amount of money.

"As I look back on it now," Held says, "it was a lot of fun. I saw a lot and I learned a lot. I was given an understanding, more or less, of the California laborer's problems, and I consider it a valuable four months." When he returned, he was persuaded to write a book about it, entitled "Down Skidroad", which was praised by

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Yule Seal Sale Nets \$2,000

Fort Benning personnel contributed more than \$2,000 to the annual Muscogee County Tuberculosis League Christmas Seal drive, Major Jack B. Scheuer, liaison officer for the post's campaign, announced.

The direct mail solicitation of officers and sale of stamps at booths on the reservation netted \$2,055.43, approximately 30 per cent of the total amount raised in Muscogee County's \$6,970 total receipts.

Drive chairmen have issued a statement thanking Fort Benning's personnel for their generous contributions to the drive, enabling the county to exceed their goal for the annual campaign.

This was the first year that Christmas Seals have been sold

at Fort Benning. Officers were sent letters by the Muscogee County organization, while volunteer Army wives staffed booths at the Main Post Cafeteria, The Infantry School, the postoffice, the Post Exchange and the Officers' Club.

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Sgt. Joseph A. McElwain, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd SFG, is one of the few enlisted men playing with the regimental basketball team this season.

Joe, a former Montana State University basketball player, is playing guard with the Rifles. After playing on his high school team that took second place in the state tournament in 1936, he entered Montana State University to study law.

While attending the university, Joe was a member of the school's basketball five, playing at the guard position. He was also a member of the swimming team that won third place in the Pacific Coast Conference. In this same meet, he won two individual places. Besides participating in both of these sports he refereed basketball games in his spare time.

He was a member of advanced ROTC and enlisted in the army in May, 1942. In April, 1943, he was called to active duty and was sent to Fort Lewis, Wash. From there, he was sent to Camp Croft, S. C., for basic training. Upon the completion of basic Joe was

sent to Stanford University and then back to Montana University. While back at school he taught physical training to the Air Corps Cadets that were attending the university, and was also a member of the school's swimming staff.

Sergeant McElwain holds a B. A. degree in Law and has only a few hours until he will receive his LL.B. He is now serving as Sergeant Major in the regimental personnel section.

Soldier Shot in PX Disturbance

A Negro soldier is in a serious condition at Fort Benning ASF Regional Hospital after he was shot by a duty officer Sunday night when the soldier threatened the officer's life.

The soldier, Private Frank Palm, of the 88th Quartermaster Troop Transport Company, was shot by a duty officer after the officer of the day had been called to the PX. Private Palm, who ordered the branch closed for the night.

The officer ordered Pvt. Palm to put down the carbine and stand fast, whereupon, according to military authorities, the soldier used profane language and raised his gun to his shoulder, threatening the officer's life. The officer then fired one shot from his service pistol, hitting the soldier in the side. A thorough investigation, according to military authorities, is being made in the case.

Gunther of TPS Former Star on St. John's Quint

He's the hottest thing on the courts at Benning Center and pivot man for the TPS Trooper Basketball team, Coulby Gunther, is destined for the Benning Hall of Fame.

In his freshman year at St. John's University in Brooklyn, New York, Gunther set a scoring record of 320 points for 21 games.

Previous to his coming to Benning, he played with the Mitchell Field Army Air Base Five, Eastern States Service Champions. FAST COMPANY

They say you can tell a man by the company he keeps. Well, Coulby has played ball with Ozzie Schectman and Cy Lobella, both of LIU and both All-American courtmen. He's played with Jerry Rizzo of Fordham, another All-American choice, and he himself has been chosen for similar honors.

Not only does Gunther excel in basketball, but he was Ping Pong champion of his college, and he won the Long Island Junior Singles and Doubles Tennis Crowns. ALSO TENNIS

While at Mitchell Field, he managed the Post Tennis Team which was undefeated in almost all matches. He knows and loves all sports, but best of all, put him in a pair of trunks, give him some knee guards, and watch him dribble.

He's called "greased lightning" by opponents, and his telescopic sight plus a steady shooting arm in addition to clever court work make him the man of the hour. Keep your eye on Coulby Gunther in the Fort Benning league race which is about to get under way.

POW—

(Continued from Page 6) once with an airborne division... Pvt. Les Horning—Reserve forward... Hails from Pennsylvania, where he was chosen on an All-City team... Lightest member of the Guard, tipping the scales at 140—but very scrappy...

Sgt. Callahan and Pvt. Mills—Just reporting for practice recently, these two boys will have an opportunity to prove their mettle this week... They are needed, and we wish 'em good luck!

Every officer and enlisted man at the PWC is mighty proud of the Guards, all are rooting for their continued success and that their colors will flash to many more victories...

carbine, beating on the rear door of the Exchange. Earlier in the evening disorder in the Post Exchange Branch was brought to the attention of the duty officer, who ordered the branch closed for the night.

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Army Wives Program For Month Released

The January program for the Fort Benning Orientation Course for Army Wives and Dependents includes many meetings at Columbus, Baker Village, Fort Benning. There will be first, second and third phase groups so that beginners, sophomores and juniors may all be accommodated in their search for the ways and means of Army Orientation.

Open to all members will be addressed to be made by Mrs. George P. Taubman of Los Angeles, who will speak on "The Wife's Responsibility to Her Returning Husband" and the "Bill of Rights on January 10 and 11."

Mrs. Taubman's first address will be given under the auspices of the Columbus USO on Wednesday, January 10 at 12:30 CWT (1:30 EWT) at the Third Avenue YWCA-USO. Mrs. Taubman and Mrs. Harold V. Miller, president of the National Federation of the Business and Professional Women's Club, visiting here, will both address the Business and Professional Women's Club at the Columbus USO on Thursday evening, January 11, at 8 p. m. (EWT) and the Main Post Theater, Friday, January 12 at 2 p. m. (EWT).

Mrs. Taubman is the head of the California Service Wives' Club, Inc., of Los Angeles, and head of the woman's committee on recreation and education for the Western Defense Command.

MRS. ROSEN TO SPEAK

Mrs. Isadore Rosen, wife of Captain Rosen of Fort Benning, former woman lawyer of New York City, will continue her conferences on Wednesday evenings at the Third Avenue USO in Columbus.

Regular meetings scheduled include the following dates and speakers:

Wednesday, January 17, 2:30 p. m. (EWT), Judge Pauline LaMar will give the same address in the auditorium of the Children's School, Baker Village.

Thursday, January 18, at 2:30 p. m. (EWT), an Orientation Leader will speak in the auditorium of the Children's School, Fort Benning on the subject, "When he comes home."

COLORED MEETINGS

Colored meetings include the following:

Thursday, January 4, at 2:30 p. m. (EWT), Chaplain Lewis will speak on Responsibility of the Wife at Service Club No. 4, Fort Benning.

Monday, January 15, 8 p. m. (EWT), Mrs. Carter Collins will speak on the "Twenty-one Points" to a beginning class at Fifth Street USO, Columbus.

Thursday, January 11, 2:30 p. m. (EWT), Mrs. Carter Collins will speak on Helping Each Other at Hospitality House, Fort Benning.

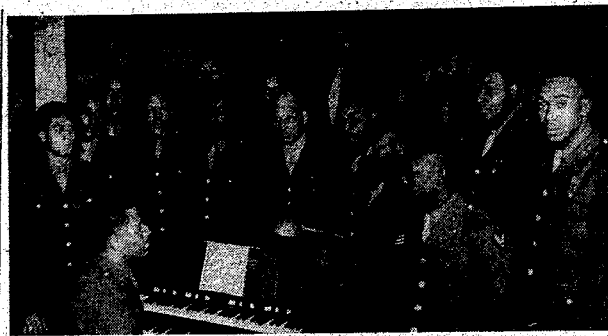
Thursday, January 18, at 2:30 p. m. (EWT), Mrs. Louis Scipio will speak on Good Manners at Hospitality House.

Thursday, January 25, 12:30 p. m. (EWT), Mrs. Mildred Conyers will speak at Service Club No. 4 on "What Every Wife Should Know."

2d Army Air Show Features Spirituals

Four soldiers from the 3735th QM Truck Company, Second Army unit under the supervision of Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, will join together in some close harmony when they render a program of spirituals on "Special Music by Special Troops." Second Army radio show at 6:00 o'clock tonight over station WRBL.

The boys, who sing spirituals as only colored folk can do, will sing three selections, "My Record,"



CHAPEL CHOIR—Shown above are members of the choir who sing every Sunday at special services at Chapel Number 2, Lawson Field. The choir is composed of men from The School Troops Brigade, The Infantry School, and the Air Cargo, Resupply Squadron, Army Air Forces. Pvt. Oliver Jones is organist and Cpl. William E. Davis is director. The choir was organized by Chaplain Marlin J. Hendrieth, shown in the center. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

89th SOB Leads In Second Army War Bond Sales

The 89th Signal Operations Battalion was leading all other Second Army outfits in War Bond sales last week as the Sixth War Loan Drive turned into the home stretch. Lt. Seymour Propp, War Bonds Officer for Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, announced today.

Final figures for the drive are not yet available, but when they are published next week, Lt. Propp stated, they will show that Second Army units contributed substantially more per man, on average, than in previous drives.

The 89th had sold through last week \$3,083.75 in cash sales, with the 60th Signal Radio Intelligence Company following with a \$1,762.50 figure. In increased old allotments, the 89th led with a \$1,301.45 figure while in total allotments, the 89th figure of \$2,397.00 was again tops. The 417th QM Depot Company led in new allotments, only department in which the 89th was equaled by another unit.

The Second Army bond drive here at Fort Benning was sparked by an energetic publicity campaign among the units here. Competition between units was stressed, and at the same time the value of war bond purchases both to the country and to the individual were continually emphasized.

Colonel Ernest E. Tabacott, commanding officer of Fourth Headquarters, personally signed each attestation for the "baby bonds" which Second Army men bought for their children and which were designed for the government by Walt Disney.

"Throughout the campaign, a large sign, bearing the legend, 'And Now, Japan', has been prominently displayed on the lawn opposite the Fourth Headquarters building."

Winners Named In Art Contest

Out of more than fifty entries submitted by artistic troopers of the 2d PIR in the Alabama area in Service Club No. 7's art contest four were selected as outstanding and deserving of prizes.

In the class of oil paintings, Private Elmer Lee Clark's portrait of a girl's head was selected. Another portrait of a girl's head (drawn by the artist in a USO in Columbus from life) was judged to be the best of the pastels and is the work of Private Richard Price. Among the charcoal black and white, a soldier's head drawn from life at Service Club No. 7, was chosen as outstanding. The identity of this artist, who signed himself simply as "Benny," is unknown to the hostess, who would like him to present himself at the Service Club, identify himself, and receive his prize.

The best single work in all fields was that of Private Albert Siford, a colored pencil drawing of jumping boots. Entries "Retired" this piece of a worn and abused pair of boots is uniquely descriptive and tells a tale which any jumper will recognize.

Prizes of silver identification bracelets will be presented to be fortunate artists by Hostesses Mrs. William Slaughter and Mrs. Joines, who are responsible for having made this contest the great success it was.

Sgt. Krasner and Cpl. Canty served as judges.

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Japan, China to Be Woman's Club Study Topic

Because the first Monday of January was a holiday, the general meeting of the Woman's Club will be held January 8th, 2:30 p. m. EWT at the Main Theatre on the Post.

The program will undoubtedly have a wide appeal, as it deals with an enemy and friend of our nation and the relations between the two. Through the courtesy of The Infantry School, the War Department film "Japan At War" will be shown.

Following the film there will be a talk on China given by Mrs. J. B. Branch, of Macon Georgia, who was among the last group to be evacuated from the city of Shanghai, where she had lived for twenty years. Mrs. Branch had gone to China as the wife of Dr. J. R. B. Branch, who served as chief surgeon of the Shanghai Hospital, an important post in the medical missionary work.

Through earlier associations at Wesleyan College in Georgia, the Branches knew the famous Soong

sisters, Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Madame Sun Yat Sen, and Madame H. H. Kung. As a companion of Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Mrs. Branch helped gather together the Chinese children orphaned by the Japanese raids in the early years of the war. Her experiences have been many and varied, and she has been in great demand as speaker for her subjects are timely and she is most pleasing to her audience.

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